

FACT SHEET

Prevention, Retention and Contingency

The Prevention, Retention, and Contingency program was established to help families overcome immediate barriers to self-sufficiency. It is part of Ohio's Temporary Assistance to Needy Families program. Benefits and services are for needy and low-income employed families who need short-term help to support an individual or a family during a crisis or episode of need. Families receiving assistance under other public assistance programs including OhioWorks First, Disability Financial Assistance and food stamps may also apply for Prevention, Retention and Contingency services and benefits at their local county department of job and family services.

In general, services are available to

- needy families with a minor child
- an individual who is pregnant; or
- a non-custodial parent of a minor child if the non-custodial parent lives in Ohio and does not live in the same household as the minor child.

Categories for services include

- clothing and shelter
- domestic violence, housing relocation, and disaster assistance;
- transportation (including auto repair expenses or down payment on an automobile);
- and training, employment, and work support.

Benefits are available at county departments of job and family services but vary from county to county based on the needs in the local communities. Each county has a Prevention, Retention, and Contingency plan that reflects the types of services and benefits that are available in that county and the eligibility criteria for each benefit and service. County Prevention, Retention and Contingency plans can be found at:

<http://jfs.ohio.gov/owf/prc/county/countytable.stm>

For more information contact the local county department of job and family services.